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In The Claims

- 1. (withdrawn) A method for flavoring an ingestible composition which comprises admixing an ingestible vehicle with an organoleptically effective amount of ethyl 3-mercaptobutyrate represented by the formula, CH₃(SH)CHCH₂COOCH₂CH₃ in purified form, unaccompanied by substances of natural origin present in mango.
- 2. (withdrawn) The method according to claim 1, wherein ethyl 3-mercaptobutyrate is present in the ingestible composition in an amount from about 0.001% to about 1%, by weight.
- 3. (withdrawn) The method according to claim 2, wherein ethyl 3-mercaptobutyrate is present in the ingestible composition in an amount from about 0.1% to about 0.50%, by weight!
- 4. (withdrawn) The method according to claim 1, wherein the ingestible, composition is a beverage product.
- 5. (withdrawn) The method according to claim 1, wherein the ingestible composition is a confectionery composition.
- 6. (withdrawn) The method according to claim 1, wherein the ingestible composition is a chewing gum.
 - 7. (withdrawn) An ingestible composition comprising:



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- (i) an ingestible vehicle; and
- (ii) an organoleptically effective amount of ethyl 3-mercaptobutyrate represented by the formula, CH₃(SH)CHCH₂COOCH₂CH₃ in purified form, unaccompanied by substances of natural origin present in mango.
- 9. (withdrawn) The ingestible composition according to claim 8, wherein ethyl 3-mercaptobutyrate is present in the ingestible composition in an amount from about 0.1% to about 0.50%, by weight.
- 10. (withdrawn) The ingestible composition according to claim 7, wherein the ingestible composition is a beverage product.
- 11. (withdrawn) The ingestible composition according to claim 7, wherein the ingestible composition is a confectionery composition.
- 12. (withdrawn) The ingestible composition according to claim 7, wherein the ingestible composition is a chewing gum.
- 13. (withdrawn) Ethyl 3-mercaptobutyrate represented by the formula, CH₃(SH)CHCH₂COOCH₂CH₃, in purified form, unaccompanied by substances of natural origin present in mango.

14. (original) A method to confer, enhance, improve, or modify the odor properties of a perfuming composition or a perfumed article, which comprises adding to the perfuming composition or perfumed article, ethyl 3-mercaptobutyrate represented by the formula, CH₃(SH)CHCH₂COOCH₂CH₃.

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Q 15. (original) The method according to claim 14, wherein ethyl 3-mercaptobutyrate is present in the perfuming composition or perfumed article in an amount from about 0.001% to about 1%, by weight.

(original) The method according to claim 15, wherein ethyl 3-mercaptobutyrate is present in the perfuming composition or perfumed article in an amount from about 0.1% to about 0.50%, by weight.

(original) A perfuming composition or a perfumed article containing as an active perfuming ingredient, ethyl 3-mercaptobutyrate represented by the formula, CH₃(SH)CHCH₂COOCH₂CH₃.

18. (original) The perfumed article according to claim 11, in the form of a perfume or a cologne, a soap, a bath or shower gel, a shampoo or other hair care product, a body deodorant, an air freshener, a detergent or fabric softener, or a household cleaner.

19. (withdrawn) A method for preparing ethyl 3-mercaptobutyrate which comprises reacting ethyl crotonate with sodium hydrogen sulfide and sodium bicarbonate to form the disulfide dimer of ethyl 3-mercaptobutyrate followed by reducing the disulfide dimer of ethyl 3-mercaptobutyrate to yield ethyl 3-mercaptobutyrate.

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